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In re application of

James McGILL

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EMERGENCY GAS AND ELECTRICITY SHUTOFF APPARATUS AND CONTROL SYSTEM (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/449,484, Filed November 29, 1999)

## <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

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For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference 4. is made to: a. [] a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith, a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted b. [] herewith, c. [] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page, d. [] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract. e. [] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference: [] A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed. 5. Respectfully submitted, James McGLL

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